



ARIZONA DISTRICT
Fourth Degree - Knights of Columbus
John H. Reddin Province



Arizona District Patriotic Degree Organizational Meetings

Location:

July 18, 2026

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton
8650 N Shannon Road
Tucson, Arizona 85742

August 29, 2026

St. Francis Xavier Parish, Anderson Hall
4715 N. Central Avenue
Phoenix, Arizona 85012

Time: 10:00 AM-Noon

Registration Fee: \$15 (includes lunch)

Registration Site: www.kofc-az.org/patriotic-degree

Purpose of the Meeting:

These organizational meetings are designed to improve communication within the Patriotic Degree in Arizona and keep members informed about district, province, and Order-wide updates. **All Sir Knights are invited and encouraged to attend.**

Dress Code

Dress is casual. Assembly or Council polos and shorts are acceptable. Cutoff shorts are not permitted.

Color Corps Commander and Honor Training:

Color Corps Commanders and Honor Guard training will also be offered. Let's brush up our skills together.

Please bring:

- Properly formed beret (per Appendix in the 808E Drill Manual)
- Baldric
- Scabbard and sword



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My Brother Knights,

It is with great humility and gratitude that I begin my service as your newly appointed District Master for Arizona. I would first like to thank Supreme Master Michael McCusker for the confidence he has placed in me with this appointment. I am truly honored to serve the Sir Knights of Arizona and to continue building upon the strong foundation established by those who came before me.

I would also like to express my heartfelt appreciation to our Worthy State Deputy Kevin McCarthy, State Officers, and all of our jurisdiction leaders for their confidence, support, and steadfast dedication to the Knights of Columbus in Arizona. I am grateful for the trust placed in me and look forward to working alongside each of you as we continue to strengthen our Order.

Additionally, I want to offer my sincere appreciation to Worthy Former District Master Sir Knight Michael Paz for his dedicated leadership and faithful service to Arizona over the past several years. His commitment to growing the Fourth Degree, strengthening our Honor Guard program, and preparing our District for future success has been outstanding. I look forward to working with Former District Master Paz during a smooth transition and thank him for a job exceptionally well done.

As we move forward together, some of my goals include holding organizational and midyear meetings for our Assembly officers, conducting two major exemplifications in both dioceses, strengthening communication through a monthly District newsletter, and continuing to build and grow the Fourth Degree throughout Arizona. I am also pleased to announce the appointment of Marshal Sir Knight James Walsh as Exemplification Secretary and Sir Knight Rick Garrison as Executive Secretary to the District Master. I thank them both for their willingness to serve. As go forward, unless otherwise informed, please send all Callouts and Exemplification correspondence to me, and all reports and administration questions to Executive Secretary, Sir Knight Rick Garrison. His email is: KofCRick.Garrison@gmail.com

Brothers, we have exciting opportunities ahead. Together, through our shared principles of



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patriotism, fraternity, and faith, we will continue to strengthen our Order and proudly serve our Church, our communities, and our nation.

I humbly ask for your prayers, support, and continued commitment as we begin this journey together.

Vivat Jesus!

Sir Knight Luigi Baratta, PSD
Arizona District Master

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